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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. Copies of the cited references are enclosed. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents, and evidence that consideration of relevant portions thereof by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

It is believed that these references either taken alone or in combination with others does not disclose or suggest the invention claimed by the Applicants. However, it is the Applicants' desire to have these references available in the record for both the Examiner and the public to see. The Applicants specifically reserve all rights of privilege and confidence with respect to this matter and submission of this document is not to be construed as a waiver of those rights. Moreover, submission of this document should not be considered

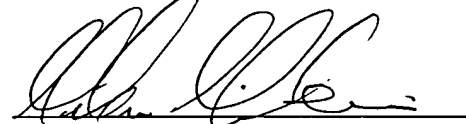
an admission that the references cited herein is proper prior art to the aforementioned application.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If it should be determined that the listed documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should the document be applied against the claims of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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